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Baptist Ministers

New G-W Board Of Associates Formed

Dover Chapel To Rise On Campus

Bids were to have been received March 15 on the new J. R. Dover, Jr., Memorial Chapel, last building to be erected through proceeds of the 1965 capital gifts campaign for Gardner-Webb. Construction is expected to get under way in the near future.

Graceful and inspiring in design, the chapel was made possible through gifts of the Shelby industrialist's family. It will replace the present sanctuary of the old Baptist Church building at the college entrance. The building will seat 336 in the chapel area, house the drama department, college minister's office and conference rooms, and provide a Baptist Student Union area given by Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hendrix, Sr., of Trinity.

Expected to be a campus focal point, the unique chapel is being designed by noted architect Harold Wagoner of Philadelphia.

MAINTAINING its close relationship with Baptist churches and pastors, Gardner-Webb College has established a new Ministerial Board of Associates.

Its members include 131 Baptist ministers from throughout the area the college serves. Members met on campus Feb. 12 for an enthusiastic organizational session and dinner with college leaders.

COLLEGE President Dr. E. Eugene Poston, noting that he long had seen the need for such a group, detailed the role the board of associates is to play.

First of all, he said, member ministers will help Gardner-Webb fulfill its stated purpose of developing quality Christian students who think for themselves and who will dedicate themselves to the Christian way of life in the vocations of their choice.

They can do this in many ways, he said in describing the board's purpose. Among these areas are maintaining the close church-campus relationship, enlisting students and qualified faculty, finding ways to help needy students, helping build a strong financial foundation for the college and advising on ways the college can serve Baptist people.

THE Rev. Woodrow W. Robbins of High Point was named to head a nominating committee composed of the Revs. Oren Bradley, Yates W. Campbell, Wendell G. Davis, C. O. Greene and Robert M. Tenery.

Named to a by-laws committee were the Rev. Charles High of Stanley First Baptist Church, chairman, and the Revs. W. Clyde Bearden, T. A. Lineberger, T. Max Linnens, Jim L. Lowery, Charles E. Stines, Clyde H. Tucker and Gene L. Watterson.

THE approximately 125 persons attending also heard a challenge by R. Patrick Spangler, vice chairman of the college board of trustees, and remarks by John L. Fraley, chairman of G-W's board of advisors.

WITH THE ALUMNI: Keeping Up With Grads

D. P. Brooks '35 of Nashville, Tenn., is the author of **The Bible: How To Understand And Teach It.** He is adult editor for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

'40 **Paul Howard Comer '48** has been serving as pastor of Alice Avenue Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, since 1951. He now is a trustee of Baylor University.

Edwin Harold Braekett '49 of Silver Springs, Md., is the manager of more than 40 programmers in the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. He developed the computer programming system used to support the Apollo space missions.

'50 **Wiley Quinn Howe '50** has resigned as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church to work, along with his wife, as houseparent at the Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Palmetto, Ga.

Alex Michael Bromir '52 of Miami Springs, Fla., is serving as president of the Dade County Secondary School Principals Association and is president-elect of the Greater Miami Athletic Conference. His wife, **Mary Minges Bromir,** is also a '52 G-W graduate.

M. Sgt. **Robert K. Bolick '52** is a data systems supervisor with an Egun Air Force Base, Fla., squadron which recently won an outstanding unit award for exemplary performance.

Robert Lee Estes '54 has moved to a new pastorate at Triangle, Va., Baptist Church. His wife, **Faye Key Estes,** also was a member of Gardner-Webb's Class of '54.

Fu'ad Hanna Sakhnini '54 of Nazareth, Israel, has been pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church since 1959. He is chairman of the Association of the Baptist Churches in Israel, and was the only Israel delegate to the Baptist World Congress held in Tokyo, Japan.

Dr. Alfred Stepp '55 has established dental practice in Kannapolis. Also a graduate of the University of North Carolina and its dental school, he formerly practiced in Asheville.

Dietz Beaman Washburn '56 has served as mayor of the Cleveland County town of Lattimore for approximately a decade. He recently was elected chairman of the Cleveland Association of Governmental Dfficials, also. He's a Shelby High School carpentry instructor.

The Rev. **Lee Roy Smith '56** has assumed duties as Hopewell Baptist Church pastor in Morganton. He and his wife, the former Faye Atkinson, have three children.

Patricia Greene Palmer '57 recently was awarded a National Science Foundation Faculty Fellowship with a $14,000 stipend for a 15-months period. A professor of biology at Louisburg College, she has gone on leave to further her graduate work at N. C. State University in Raleigh. She and her husband, Michael, have two children.

Kenneth DeWitt Beane '59 of Atlanta, Ga., has formed a patriotic singing group of 100 high school and college youth. The group, named "Sounds of America", has given more than 50 performances in areas as far away as Canada.

'60 **John E. Wren, Jr. '60** of Texarkana, Texas, has received a Th. D. degree recently. He's a new member of the executive board of the Texas Baptist Convention.

Bob Jones '60, a top athlete at Gardner-Webb, has been named new head football coach at Kings Mountain High School. He leaves a position as Ashbrook High School junior varsity coach in Gaston County.

James E. McSwain '62 was ordained into the Baptist ministry in January services at Double Springs Baptist Church in Cleveland County. He is chaplain at Murdock Center at Butner.

Cpl. **Elbert L. Gregory '63** is a reconnaissance pilot with an Air Force unit at Tan Son Nhut Air Base in South Vietnam. He received a B. S. degree in aerospace engineering from N. C. State University in 1966.

Tommie Neill McSwain '63 recently was named "Young Man of the Year" by the Forest City Jaycees. A former newsman, he is associated with the Forest City Septic Tank and Pipe Company and is active in many community organizations and projects.

Ford McDonald '63, art consultant in the Shelby school system, had his work featured recently at Beech Gallery in Banner Elk. He previously had a "one-man show" on the G-W campus.

Joseph Coltrane Jr. '63 is the new minister at Newport Baptist Church in Carteret County. He received his master of divinity degree last May from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Samuel Young '65 has been called as pastor of Rehobeth Baptist Church at Maple, N. C. A native of Scotland, he's married to the former Janelle Queen.

Iva Marie Shumate '68 gave her senior organ recital in January at North Wilkesboro First Baptist Church. She has finished requirements for a bachelor of music education degree at Mars Hill College.

Steven H. Brannon '69 has assumed duties as a police officer on the Mooresville force.

Tawana Casstevens '69 of High Point has been called as minister of music and youth at Wallburg Baptist Church. She completed her education at Mars Hill, where she earned a bachelor of music education degree.

Ronald E. Uren '69 recently was graduated from a refrigeration specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas.

Can You Help?

The alumni office has lost touch with the former students whose names appear below. We'd appreciate it if readers of The Web could help us weave them in again. . .

If you know the address of these alumni, or know someone who does, please notify the campus alumni office.

Barbara Nell Huggins '51
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hardin '50 and '55
Samuel Brooks Jarrell '57
William Roger Holdford '61
Bessie Hart '63
Betty L. Carriker '63
Janice Evins '65
Tinna Ann Ussery (Mrs. R. L. Howard) '67
Mrs. Becky Ellis '67
Carol Janet Einhart (Mrs. Wade Hardie) '68
James A. Estes '68
Linda Faye Hembree '69

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Churchill **(Rachel Elliott '58),** of Tucker, Ga., a daughter, **Marla Elizabeth,** born Dec. 17, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leatherman **(Mary Ann Taylor '63),** a daughter, **Lisa Ann,** born Dec. 26, 1970.

MARRIAGES

Clarence Luther Campbell '63 to Cynthia Jean Wyatt, both of Forest City.

Robert Gary Boyles '67 of Vale to Carroll Leigh McDowell of Winston-Salem.

Gilbert Franklin Bowman Jr. '67 of Mount Airy to Nancy Josephine Newsom of Jacksonville, Fla.

Terry Martin Washburn '67 of Lattimore to John Thomas Royster of Shelby.

Sandra Gail Pearson '68 of Shelby to **John Earl Henderson, Jr. '71** of Honea Path, S. C.

Ronald Monroe Hendrix '68 of Gilkey to Ramona Dianne Abernethy of Newton.

Berry Cornicl Withers '68 of Newton to Theresa Elaine Crater of Conover.

William Kreswell Neely '68 of Spartanburg, S. C. to **Wanda Ellen Suddreth '69** of Charlotte.

Thomas Calvin Moore '69 of Carlisle, S. C. to Ida Letitia Wiggins of Kershaw, S. C.

Barbara Aileen Greene '69 to Ronald Mitchell Ivie, both of Shelby.

Alumnae Joins Hope

Nurse Evelyn Hodge Sparks **'67** is one of three N. C. medical volunteers selected to take part in a 10-month medical mission of the hospital ship S. S. Hope.

She'll be one of 125 permanent staff members aboard the floating medical center, which will anchor in Kingston, West Indies, and will perform medical-surgical duties.

Mrs. Sparks attended G-W one year as one of 12 students taking part in the school's original pilot program for the associate degree before the college had its own nursing school. She received her nursing degree from Rutherford Hospital School of Nursing.

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It yet remains to be seen just how large our web will grow, but this much we know, once you're woven in, we never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.

Alumni Banquet, Festivities Set May 1

Gardner-Webb alumni will hold their annual banquet meeting May 1, making the event a part of festive, colorful May Day.

The date was set by vote of the alumni association officers and directors, who held their quarterly meeting Jan. 23 on campus.

May 1 also will be Parents Day and this springtime Saturday will feature a full schedule of activities. Alumni directors felt that holding the banquet on this date would give old grads and former students a better opportunity to join in these events.

The May 1 schedule as tentatively set calls for the beginning of Parents Day activities at 10 a.m., followed by a luncheon for campus visitors. The afternoon will be devoted to the May Day pageant on the green, with a reception following. Alumni will attend their annual banquet that evening in the Charles L. Dover Campus Center, with 1971 seniors and their parents as special guests. Other students on campus will have a picnic style supper.

Climaxing the day for alumni, students and parents will be an after-dinner concert by the well known group "The Young Americans."

Full details are to be mailed in the near future to all alumni, along with reservation blanks. Make plans now to attend!

In other action at the Jan. 23 alumni directors meeting, led by President John Roberts, new Alumni Activities Director Jerry Walker '61 thanked members for their outstanding attendance and service to the college.

The group voted to meet on the third Saturday of the first month of each quarter in the future.

They also heard remarks from John Beam, director of development, on the current capital fund campaign, Thomas McGraw, vice president for academic affairs, on accreditation and enrollment, and Dr. Eugene Poston, college president, on the role of church related schools.

Placement Office Opened At G-W

Gardner-Webb has opened a placement office to assist graduates in finding employment.

Almost 300 seniors, the college's first, will be graduated in May, and every effort is being made to help them locate jobs. Past graduates and other alumni also are entitled to the services of the placement office, which handles part-time and off-campus job needs, too.

Already, prospective employers are visiting the campus interviewing seniors and talking with Jesse Taylor, director of placement and financial aid.

The office maintains information on a broad range of employment opportunities in all major businesses in the nation, along with information on how to obtain applications.

More than 300 teaching vacancies are on file, and teachers' application blanks for most North and South Carolina school systems are available. School officials seeking teachers make frequent visits to the college for personal interviews.

The placement office is serving as a liason between employer and prospective employee. Business and professional firms are invited to contact the office to schedule interviews, Taylor said.

Rogers Is Advisor

E. Pat Rogers of Shelby has been named to Gardner-Webb's board of advisors. He is service manager at Rogers Pontiac-Cadillac, Inc. of Shelby, where he makes his home.

FLYING HIGH—Gardner-Webb's Bulldogs and their fans made up a plane load on their recent two-game trip to the Virgin Islands. Downed in the first game 69-67 the G-W team came back to win in the second 86-76 to climax a thoroughly enjoyed trip to a delightful area.

G-W Bulldogs Reach NAIA's Top 10

A trip to the Virgin Islands would have to be an exciting experience for any basketball team. With the warmth of the sunshine worn off, however, the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs returned to the friendly confines of Bost Gymnasium to make preparation for another journey. They hoped this one would lead them to Kansas City and the NAIA national playoffs.

The Bulldogs, with a mid-February won-lost record of 16-2, were ranked ninth in the nation in NAIA weekly polls at press time. This is especially gratifying since it is their first year of competition as a four-year school.

George Adams, a 6-5 junior from Kings Mountain, also received a share of the national spotlight. Adams, considered to be one of top 6-5 players around, was ripping the nets for an average of 28.1 points per game, good enough to give him a tie for the 19th spot in mid-February NAIA individual scoring.

Despite outstanding performances by Adams, the Bulldogs' success would have to be credited to the well balanced play of the entire team. Henry Boyd, a 6-11 freshman from Winnsboro, S. C., with an average of 18.8 points per game, and Al Graves, a 6-4 sophomore from Cherryville, with an average of 16.6, are second and third respectively. Two other Bulldogs are also in double figures. They are Tony Spagnola, a 6-4 junior from Paterson, N. J., 10.7, and Richard Thomas, a 6-2 junior from Chicago Heights, Ill., 12.5.

Billy Graham Is Campus Speaker

Dr. Billy Graham, world famous evangelist, was to be on campus Feb. 25 to speak at a consecration and dedication service.

Ceremonies were to take place during the regular weekly chapel attended by the college family. Students, faculty and staff were to participate in the consecration service and dedication of a men's dormitory, built four years ago and named recently in honor of R. Patrick Spangler.

A luncheon afterward will honor Spangler, a Shelby businessman presently serving as national chairman of Gardner-Webb's capital fund drive. A former trustee chairman, he is a longtime supporter and friend of the college.

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Spring Enrollment Sets Record

Gardner-Webb has registered 1,518 students for its second semester, a record for a spring session.

G-W started the fall term with a record number of 1,538 students, including 324 in the school's first senior class.

"Naturally, we had expected a drop," said Mrs. Dorothy Edwards, registrar, "but it was much less than we normally have. We're very happy about this."

The present enrollment of 1,518 includes 324 seniors, 315 juniors, 398 sophomores, 456 freshmen and 25 special students.

The spring enrollment also includes 131 new students who did not attend first semester. This "new" student total also is a record.

Weavings....

GARDNER-WEBB is among 26 members of the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges which will share a $100,000 gift by the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. The foundation is the fund-raising organization of the state's church-related colleges. This is the 16th year that Reynolds has contributed to the foundation.

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THE North Carolina Arts Council has given $350 to Gardner-Webb to be used in the presentation of poetry readings on the campus. The grant will be used to bring three N. C. poets to G-W April 8 for a program of readings.

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CHRISTIAN Emphasis Week was held Feb. 4-12, beginning with a chapel service in which the Rev. Gene L. Watterson of Shelby defined its concepts, purposes and procedures. Thirty clinically trained counselors, including pastors and professors, led encounter group discussions for students during the event.

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GARDNER-WEBB has become affiliated with Sigma Tau Delta, national English fraternity. The first honor group of students will be admitted this semester, and a charter will be granted formally after G-W's accreditation as a senior college by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

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BOB Harrington, "The Chaplain of Bourbon Street", spoke twice at G-W during the Baptist Laymen Witnessing Foundation Conference Feb. 19-20. He is well-known nationally for his work along the famous New Orleans street.

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JOHN L. Fraley of Cherryville, chairman of G-W's board of advisors, recently was elected as 1971 chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's Charlotte Branch.